

REMARKS

It is regretted that the response to the non-final Office action contained errors and required the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated September 21, 2007.

Accordingly, the Amendment is being resubmitted in which the amendments for the specification are the same. The claims have been reviewed and amended where required. Claims 22 and 23 have not been amended. At the beginning of "In the Claims" the statement "Amend claims 9 and 16-18" has been deleted.

Claim 16 is (Currently amended) and claims 17, 18 and 19 are (Canceled).

Claim 21 previously (Original) is now (Currently amended).

Claims 2, 4-8, 13, 15-16 and 20-23 are in the application.

Claim 22 is directed to the connecting elements alone, as shown in Fig. 2

Claim 23 is directed to the combination of at least one base plate and vertical supports extending upwardly from the base plate. A minor spelling error toward the end of claim 23 has been corrected; however, the status identifier remains the same, that is, "New".

The claims dependent on claim 22 are claims 2, 13, 15-16 and 21.

The claims dependent on claim 23 are claims 4-8 and 20.

Claim 22 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated based on Seibold (U.S. Patent 5,435,107) has been amended to incorporate the structure of the corrugations illustrated in Fig. 2.

The claim amendments have been made separate from the amendments of the specification.

The objections to claims 1 and 4 have been noted and appropriate corrections have been made. Note claim 1 is canceled and is replaced by claim 22.

Claim 22 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated based on Seibold (U.S. Patent 5,435,107).

Seibold '107 discloses a bracket for repairing an attachment of an outer façade element to an inner load-bearing element. The reference has an elongated opening 10 with transversely extending tooth-like ribs 18. A support plate 15 has an arched bearing surface 16 divided by a central web 19 which engages in the slot or opening 10.

There is no corrugation (previously beads) located laterally outwardly of the slot 10. The applicants have noted that the term "bead" originally used is also translated by "corrugation." The specification has been amended to replace "bead" with "corrugation" which is more appropriate, particularly considering the shapes of the "corrugations" in Fig. 2.

The corrugations in claim 22 are spaced outwardly from the elongated opening so that the inner sides of the corrugations face toward the opening and

form tooth-like notches. There is nothing in Seibold to suggest the corrugations as in claim 22.

In Seibold the central web 19 is engaged in the slot 10, it does not suggest a corrugation spaced laterally outwardly from the elongated opening. The arched bearing surface 16 does not suggest the complementary tooth-like notches as set forth in claim 22.

There is nothing in Seibold to disclose or suggest the combination as set forth in claim 23.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the claims presently in the application are allowable and a favorable action on the application is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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